

Caldwell Parish



"Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community"

Healthy People 2010

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	Caldwell	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
ECONOMICS, 2000				
% All persons in poverty	21.2%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	28.2%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	7.4%	7.3%	5.8%	--
EDUCATION 2002-2003				
School Expenditure per Student	\$6,625	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	94.1%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	6.1%	7.0%	--	--
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	37.7	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	89.9%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	88.3%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	8.9%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	10.7%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	0.0	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	255.7	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	75.8	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	9.3*	5.8	5.1	1.0
STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)				
Heart	348.5	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	**	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	**	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	**	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	15.2	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	0.6	2.1	1.5	0.8
HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004				
	Region 8	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	25.7%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI > 30 (adults 20+)	28.7%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	72.5%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	80.4%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	61.5%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United States, 2003". NA = Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EMS/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1, 2}

Caldwell Parish was established on March 6, 1838. It was formerly part of Catahoula Parish. Settlements had been made in the district early in the 19th century, soon after the Louisiana Purchase. Caldwell Parish offers some of the best hunting and fishing in the state. The Ouachita River is one of the few remaining unspoiled streams, and is known as one of the most beautiful rivers in the nation.



One of Louisiana's oldest and largest art craft and entertainment festivals, the Louisiana Art and Folk Festival, has called Caldwell Parish its home for nearly four decades. This festival is held during the second weekend of October, and celebrates the works of some of the South's top artisans and craftsmen, attracting over 20,000 visitors to Caldwell Parish each year. The Annual Lions Club Championship Rodeo is a June event recognized as one of the best in the state, where hard-riding cowboys from a five-state area put on an exciting show for rodeo fans. In addition, Caldwell Parish's rich cultural history is showcased in the Martin Home, located north of Columbia which houses artifacts and memorabilia from all periods of Caldwell's colorful past.

Parish Seat³ Columbia

Major Cities (population over 5,000)

N/A

Parish Population⁴

2000.....	10,560
2003 (estimate)	10,599
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	80.4%
African-American	17.9%
Some other race.....	1.7%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race)	1.5%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years	6.1%
5-14	14.3%
15-17	4.3%
18-19	2.7%
20-24	6.9%
25-64	51.8%
65 & over	13.9%

Geography and Statistics⁵

Average elevation	66ft.
Land area in square miles	529
Water area in square miles	11.3

Climate

Average temperatures

Annual	65°
January	57°
July	92°
Annual average rainfall	59 inches

Labor Force (2001)⁶

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Civilian.....	4,029
Employed	3,629
Unemployed.....	400
Unemployment.....	9.9%

Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

- University of Louisiana at Monroe

1. [Louisiana Almanac](#), 2002-2003 edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, LA. 2002.
2. Louisiana Office of Tourism. 1998. keywords: regional information
<<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism/>>.
3. [Louisiana Almanac](#), 2002-2003 edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, LA. 2002.
4. U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) <<http://www.census.gov>>.
5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>.
6. Louisiana Department of Labor, Civilian Labor Force Summary
<http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls>.